

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that this Response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 17, 2006.

Request to Withdraw the Finality of Office Action

The Status of this Office Action is unclear. For example, the "Office Action Summary" indicates that this action is non-final; whereas, the "Detailed Action" indicates that this Action is made final. However, if this Action is final, then Applicants respectfully submit that such determination is premature and request that the Examiner withdraw such finality.

For example, in the response to the previous Office Action dated December 22, 2005, independent claim 1 was not amended and the amendments to claims 2, 4-6 and 11-15 were only for rectifying the informalities which the Examiner pointed out. Furthermore, *US 6,472,755 B1*, which is the basis for the claim rejections present in this Office Action, is a newly cited reference.

Taking these facts into consideration, Applicants stress that this Office Action should be non-final. See MPEP 706.07.